

A QUASI-LOCAL MASS FOR 2-SPHERES WITH NEGATIVE GAUSS CURVATURE

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ABSTRACT. We extend our previous definition of quasi-local mass to 2-spheres whose Gauss curvature is negative and prove its positivity.

1. INTRODUCTION

In [7], Liu and Yau propose a definition of quasi-local mass for any smooth spacelike, topological 2-sphere with positive Gauss curvature. In particular, Liu and Yau [7, 8] are able to use Shi-Tam’s result [10] to prove its positivity. When the Gauss curvature of a 2-sphere is allowed to be negative, Wang and Yau [14] use Pogorelov’s result [9] to embed the 2-sphere into the hyperbolic space to generalize Liu-Yau’s definition, and prove its positivity by using a spinor argument of the positive mass theorem for asymptotically hyperbolic manifolds [15, 4, 16]. Wang-Yau’s result is improved in certain sense by Shi and Tam [11].

In attempting to resolve the decreasing monotonicity of Brown-York’s quasi-local mass [1, 2], the author [18] propose a new quasi-local mass and prove its positivity essentially for 2-spheres with positive Gauss curvature. It is still open when the 2-spheres have nonnegative Gauss curvature because the isometric embedding into \mathbb{R}^3 in this case is only proved to be $C^{1,1}$ by Guan-Li and Hong-Zuily [5, 6]. However, we expect the $C^{1,1}$ regularity is sufficient for our propose, and we address it elsewhere.

In this note, we use the idea of Wang and Yau to extend the quasi-local mass in [18] to the case of 2-spheres with negative Gauss curvature. We embed such 2-spheres into the (spacelike) hyperbola in the Minkowski spacetime which has the nontrivial second fundamental form. By using the constant spinors in the Minkowski spacetime, we can solve a boundary problem for the Dirac-Witten equation. Then,

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the method in [18] gives rise to the quasi-local mass as well as its positivity. We would like to point out that our quasi-local mass is only one quantity, while the one defined by Wang and Yau is a 4-vectors. This difference is due to the hyperbola in our approach goes to null infinity in the Minkowski spacetime, and the one in Wang-Yau's approach goes to spatial infinity in the Anti-de Sitter spacetime, which has trivial second fundamental form. The positive mass theorem near null infinity in asymptotically Minkowski spacetimes was established in [16, 17].

2. DIRAC-WITTEN EQUATIONS

In this section, we will review the existences of the Dirac-Witten equations proved in [18]. Let (N, \tilde{g}) be a 4-dimensional spacetime which satisfies the Einstein fields equations. Let (M, g, p) be a smooth *initial data set*. Fix a point $p \in M$ and an orthonormal basis $\{e_\alpha\}$ of $T_p N$ with e_0 future-time-directed normal to M and e_i tangent to M ($1 \leq i \leq 3$).

Denote by \mathbb{S} the (local) spinor bundle of N . It exists globally over M and is called the hypersurface spinor bundle of M . Let $\tilde{\nabla}$ and $\bar{\nabla}$ be the Levi-Civita connections of \tilde{g} and g respectively, the same symbols are used to denote their lifts to the hypersurface spinor bundle. There exists a Hermitian inner product (\cdot, \cdot) on \mathbb{S} along M which is compatible with the spin connection $\tilde{\nabla}$. The Clifford multiplication of any vector \tilde{X} of N is symmetric with respect to this inner product. However, this inner product is not positive definite and there exists a positive definite Hermitian inner product defined by $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle = (e_0 \cdot, \cdot)$ on \mathbb{S} along M .

Define the second fundamental form of the initial data set $p_{ij} = \tilde{g}(\tilde{\nabla}_i e_0, e_j)$. Suppose that M has boundary Σ which has finitely many connected components $\Sigma^1, \dots, \Sigma^l$, each of which is a topological 2-sphere, endowed with its induced Riemannian and spin structures. Fix a point $p \in \Sigma$ and an orthonormal basis $\{e_i\}$ of $T_p M$ with $e_r = e_1$ outward normal to Σ and e_a tangent to Σ for $2 \leq a \leq 3$. Let $h_{ab} = \langle \bar{\nabla}_a e_r, e_b \rangle$ be the second fundamental form of Σ . Let $H = \text{tr}(h)$ be its mean curvature. Σ is a *future/past apparent horizon* if

$$H \mp \text{tr}(h|_\Sigma) \geq 0 \quad (2.1)$$

holds on Σ . When Σ has multi-components, we require that (2.1) holds (with the same sign) on each Σ_i . The spin connection has the following relation

$$\tilde{\nabla}_a = \nabla_a + \frac{1}{2} h_{ab} e_r \cdot e_b - \frac{1}{2} p_{aj} e_0 \cdot e_j \cdot . \quad (2.2)$$

The Dirac-Witten operator along M is defined by $\tilde{D} = e_i \cdot \tilde{\nabla}_i$. The Dirac operator of M but acting on \mathbb{S} is defined by $\bar{D} = e_i \cdot \bar{\nabla}_i$. Denote

by ∇ the lift of the Levi-Civita connection of Σ to the spinor bundle $\mathbb{S}|_{\Sigma}$. Let $D = e_a \cdot \nabla_a$ be the Dirac operator of Σ but acting on $\mathbb{S}|_{\Sigma}$. The Weitzenböck type formula gives rise to

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_M |\tilde{\nabla}\phi|^2 + \langle \phi, \mathcal{T}\phi \rangle - |\tilde{D}\phi|^2 \\ &= \int_{\Sigma} \langle \phi, (e_r \cdot D - \frac{H}{2} + \frac{\text{tr}(p|_{\Sigma})}{2} e_0 \cdot e_r - \frac{p_{ar}}{2} e_0 \cdot e_a) \phi \rangle. \end{aligned} \quad (2.3)$$

where $\mathcal{T} = \frac{1}{2}(T_{00} + T_{0i}e_0 \cdot e_i)$. If the spacetime satisfies the *dominant energy condition*, then \mathcal{T} is a nonnegative operator. Let

$$P_{\pm} = \frac{1}{2}(Id \pm e_0 \cdot e_r)$$

be the projective operators on $\mathbb{S}|_{\Sigma}$. In [18], we prove the following existences:

(i) If $\text{tr}_g(p) \geq 0$ and Σ is a past apparent horizon, then the following Dirac-Witten equation has a unique smooth solution $\phi \in \Gamma(\mathbb{S})$

$$\begin{cases} \tilde{D}\phi = 0 & \text{in } M \\ P_+\phi = P_+\phi_0 & \text{on } \Sigma_{i_0} \\ P_+\phi = 0 & \text{on } \Sigma_i (i \neq i_0) \end{cases} \quad (2.4)$$

for any given $\phi_0 \in \Gamma(\mathbb{S}|_{\Sigma})$ and for fixed i_0 ;

(ii) If $\text{tr}_g(p) \leq 0$ and Σ is a future apparent horizon, then the following Dirac-Witten equation has a unique smooth solution $\phi \in \Gamma(\mathbb{S})$

$$\begin{cases} \tilde{D}\phi = 0 & \text{in } M \\ P_-\phi = P_-\phi_0 & \text{on } \Sigma_{i_0} \\ P_-\phi = 0 & \text{on } \Sigma_i (i \neq i_0) \end{cases} \quad (2.5)$$

for any given $\phi_0 \in \Gamma(\mathbb{S}|_{\Sigma})$ and for fixed i_0 .

3. EMBEDDING 2-SPHERES

Let (M, g, p) be a smooth *initial data set* where M has boundary Σ which has finitely many connected components $\Sigma_1, \dots, \Sigma_l$, each of which is a topological 2-sphere. Suppose that some Σ_{i_0} can be smoothly isometrically embedded into a smooth spacelike hypersurface \check{M}^3 in the Minkowski spacetime $\mathbb{R}^{3,1}$ and denote by \mathfrak{N} the isometric embedding. Let $\check{\Sigma}_{i_0}$ be the image of Σ_{i_0} under the map \mathfrak{N} . Let \check{e}_r the unit vector outward normal to $\check{\Sigma}_{i_0}$ and \check{h}_{ij} , \check{H} are the second fundamental form, the

mean curvature of $\check{\Sigma}_{i_0}$ respectively. Denote by $p_0 = \check{p} \circ \aleph$, $H_0 = \check{H} \circ \aleph$ the pullbacks to Σ .

The isometric embedding \aleph also induces an isometry between the (intrinsic) spinor bundles of Σ_{i_0} and $\check{\Sigma}_{i_0}$ together with their Dirac operators which are isomorphic to $e_r \cdot D$ and $\check{e}_r \cdot \check{D}$ respectively. This isometry can be extended to an isometry over the complex 2-dimensional sub-bundles of their hypersurface spinor bundles. Denote by $\check{\mathbb{S}}^{\check{\Sigma}_{i_0}}$ this sub-bundle of $\check{\mathbb{S}}|_{\check{\Sigma}_{i_0}}$. Let $\check{\phi}$ be a constant section of $\check{\mathbb{S}}^{\check{\Sigma}_{i_0}}$ and denote $\phi_0 = \check{\phi} \circ \aleph$. Denote by $\check{\Sigma}$ the set of all these constant spinors $\check{\phi}$ with the unit norm. This set is isometric to S^3 .

Let \check{D} be the (induced) Dirac operator on $\check{\Sigma}_{i_0}$ which acts on the hypersurface spinor bundle $\check{\mathbb{S}}$ of \check{M} . Let $\check{\phi}$ be the covariant constant spinor of the trivial spinor bundle on $\mathbb{R}^{3,1}$ with unit norm taking by the positive Hermitian metric on $\check{\mathbb{S}}$. Then (2.2) implies

$$\check{\nabla}_a \check{\phi} + \frac{1}{2} \check{h}_{ab} \check{e}_r \cdot \check{e}_b \cdot \check{\phi} - \frac{1}{2} \check{p}_{aj} \check{e}_0 \cdot \check{e}_j \cdot \check{\phi} = 0$$

over $\check{\Sigma}_{i_0}$. Pullback to Σ_{i_0} , we obtain

$$e_r \cdot D \phi_0 = \frac{H_0}{2} \phi_0 - \frac{1}{2} p_{0aa} e_0 \cdot e_r \cdot \phi_0 + \frac{1}{2} p_{0ar} e_0 \cdot e_a \cdot \phi_0 \quad (3.1)$$

over Σ_{i_0} . Denote $\phi_0^\pm = P_\pm \phi_0$. Since $e_r \cdot D \circ P_\pm = P_\mp \circ e_r \cdot D$, (3.1) gives rise to

$$\begin{aligned} e_r \cdot D \phi_0^+ &= \frac{H_0}{2} \phi_0^- + \frac{1}{2} p_{0aa} \phi_0^- + \frac{1}{2} p_{0ar} e_0 \cdot e_a \cdot \phi_0^+, \\ e_r \cdot D \phi_0^- &= \frac{H_0}{2} \phi_0^+ - \frac{1}{2} p_{0aa} \phi_0^+ + \frac{1}{2} p_{0ar} e_0 \cdot e_a \cdot \phi_0^-. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, using

$$\int_{\Sigma_{i_0}} \langle \phi_0^-, e_r \cdot D \phi_0^+ \rangle = \int_{\Sigma_{i_0}} \langle e_r \cdot D \phi_0^-, \phi_0^+ \rangle,$$

we obtain

$$\int_{\Sigma_{i_0}} (H_0 - p_{0aa}) |\phi_0^+|^2 = \int_{\Sigma_{i_0}} (H_0 + p_{0aa}) |\phi_0^-|^2. \quad (3.2)$$

In this paper, we introduce the following conditions on M :

- (i) $\text{tr}_g(p) \geq 0$, $H|_{\Sigma_i} + \text{tr}(p|_{\Sigma_i}) \geq 0$ for all i ;
- (ii) $\text{tr}_g(p) \leq 0$, $H|_{\Sigma_i} - \text{tr}(p|_{\Sigma_i}) \geq 0$ for all i .

Lemma 1. *Let $(N^{3,1}, \tilde{g})$ be a spacetime which satisfies the dominant energy condition. Let (M, g, p) be a smooth spacelike (orientable) hypersurface which has boundary Σ with finitely many multi-components Σ_i , each of which is a topological sphere. Suppose that Σ_{i_0} can be smoothly isometrically embedded into some spacelike hypersurface $(\check{M}, \check{g}, \check{p})$ in the Minkowski spacetime $\mathbb{R}^{3,1}$. Let \aleph be the isometric embedding and let $\check{\Sigma}_{i_0}$ be the image of Σ_{i_0} . Suppose either condition (i) holds and $\check{\Sigma}_{i_0}$ are past apparent horizons, i.e.,*

$$\check{H} + \text{tr}(\check{p}|_{\check{\Sigma}_{i_0}}) \geq 0,$$

or condition (ii) holds and $\check{\Sigma}_{i_0}$ are future apparent horizons, i.e.,

$$\check{H} - \text{tr}(\check{p}|_{\check{\Sigma}_{i_0}}) \geq 0.$$

Let ϕ be the unique solution of (2.4) or (2.5) for some $\check{\phi} \in \check{\Xi}$. Then

$$\int_{\Sigma_{i_0}} \langle \phi, e_r \cdot D\phi \rangle \leq \frac{1}{2} \int_{\Sigma_{i_0}} \langle \phi, (H_0 - p_{0aa}e_0 \cdot e_r \cdot + p_{0ar}e_0 \cdot e_a \cdot) \phi \rangle.$$

Proof : Assume condition (i) holds and $\check{\Sigma}_{i_0}$ are past apparent horizons. Let ϕ be the smooth solution of (2.4) with the prescribed ϕ_0 on Σ_{i_0} . Denote $\phi^\pm = P_\pm \phi$. Denote $\phi_0^\pm = P_\pm \phi_0$. By the boundary condition, we have $\phi^+ = \phi_0^+$. Thus

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{\Sigma_{i_0}} \langle \phi, e_r \cdot D\phi \rangle &= 2\Re \int_{\Sigma_{i_0}} \langle \phi^-, e_r \cdot D\phi_0^+ \rangle \\ &= \Re \int_{\Sigma_{i_0}} \langle \phi^-, H_0 \phi_0^- + p_{0aa} \phi_0^- + p_{0ar} e_0 \cdot e_r \cdot \phi_0^+ \rangle \\ &\leq \frac{1}{2} \int_{\Sigma_{i_0}} (H_0 + p_{0aa})(|\phi^-|^2 + |\phi_0^-|^2) \\ &\quad + \Re \int_{\Sigma_{i_0}} \langle \phi^-, p_{0ar} e_0 \cdot e_a \cdot \phi_0^+ \rangle \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \int_{\Sigma_{i_0}} (H_0 + p_{0aa})|\phi^-|^2 + (H_0 - p_{0aa})|\phi_0^+|^2 \\ &\quad + \Re \int_{\Sigma_{i_0}} \langle \phi^-, p_{0ar} e_0 \cdot e_a \cdot \phi^+ \rangle \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \int_{\Sigma_{i_0}} H_0 |\phi|^2 + p_{0aa}(|\phi^-|^2 - |\phi^+|^2) \\ &\quad + \Re \int_{\Sigma_{i_0}} \langle \phi^-, p_{0ar} e_0 \cdot e_a \cdot \phi^+ \rangle. \end{aligned}$$

Note that

$$\langle \phi, p_{0aa} e_0 \cdot e_r \cdot \phi \rangle = p_{0aa} (|\phi^+|^2 - |\phi^-|^2).$$

Moreover, that $e_0 \cdot e_a \cdot P_{\pm} = P_{\mp} \cdot e_0 \cdot e_a$ gives rise to

$$\langle \phi, p_{0ar} e_0 \cdot e_a \cdot \phi \rangle = 2\Re \langle \phi^-, p_{0ar} e_0 \cdot e_a \cdot \phi^+ \rangle.$$

Same argument is applied under condition (ii). We finally prove the lemma. Q.E.D.

4. QUASI-LOCAL MASS

Now we use the idea of Wang and Yau [14] (see also [11]) to extend the definition of quasi-local mass in [18] to the case of 2-spheres with negative Gauss curvature.

We first review the definition for 2-spheres with nonnegative Gauss curvature in [18]: Suppose some Σ_{i_0} can be smoothly isometrically embedded into \mathbb{R}^3 in the Minkowski spacetime $\mathbb{R}^{3,1}$ and denote $\check{\Sigma}_{i_0}$ its image. (It exists if Σ_{i_0} has positive Gauss curvature.) In this case, $\check{p} = 0$.

Let ϕ be the unique solution of (2.4) or (2.5) for some $\check{\phi} \in \check{\Xi}$. Denote

$$\begin{aligned} m(\Sigma_{i_0}, \check{\phi}) = & \frac{1}{8\pi} \Re \int_{\Sigma_{i_0}} \left[(H_0 - H) |\phi|^2 \right. \\ & + \text{tr}(p|_{\Sigma_{i_0}}) \langle \phi, e_0 \cdot e_r \cdot \phi \rangle \\ & \left. - p_{ar} \langle \phi, e_0 \cdot e_a \cdot \phi \rangle \right]. \end{aligned} \quad (4.1)$$

The *quasi local mass of Σ_{i_0}* is defined as

$$m(\Sigma_{i_0}) = \min_{\check{\Xi}} m(\Sigma_{i_0}, \check{\phi}). \quad (4.2)$$

If all Σ_i can be isometrically embedded into \mathbb{R}^3 in the Minkowski spacetime $\mathbb{R}^{3,1}$, we define the *quasi local mass of Σ* as

$$m(\Sigma) = \sum_i m(\Sigma_i). \quad (4.3)$$

If the mean curvature of $\check{\Sigma}_{i_0}$ is further nonnegative (it is true if Σ_{i_0} has positive Gauss curvature), we can prove the positivity of the quasi-local mass (4.2) (Theorem 1 in [18]).

Now suppose some Σ_{i_0} has negative Gauss curvature and let

$$K_{\Sigma_{i_0}} \geq -\kappa^2$$

$(\kappa > 0)$ where $-\kappa^2$ is the minimum of the Gauss curvature. (Here we must choose the minimum of the Gauss curvature instead of arbitrary lower bound, otherwise the quasi-local mass defined in the following way might depend on this arbitrary lower bound.) By [9, 3], Σ_{i_0} can be smoothly isometrically embedded into the hyperbolic space $\mathbb{H}_{-\kappa^2}^3$ with constant curvature $-\kappa^2$ as a convex surface which bounds a convex domain in $\mathbb{H}_{-\kappa^2}^3$. Let (t, x_1, x_2, x_3) be the spacetime coordinates of $\mathbb{R}^{3,1}$. Then $\mathbb{H}_{-\kappa^2}^3$ is one-fold of the spacelike hypersurfaces

$$\{(t, x_1, x_2, x_3) \mid t^2 - x_1^2 - x_2^2 - x_3^2 = \frac{1}{\kappa^2}\}.$$

The induced metric of $\mathbb{H}_{-\kappa^2}^3$ is

$$\check{g}_{\mathbb{H}_{-\kappa^2}^3} = \frac{1}{1 + \kappa^2 r^2} dr^2 + r^2(d\theta^2 + \sin^2 \theta d\psi^2)$$

It has the second fundamental form $\check{p}_{\mathbb{H}_{-\kappa^2}^3}^+ = \kappa \check{g}_{\mathbb{H}_{-\kappa^2}^3}$ for the upper-fold $\{t > 0\}$ and $\check{p}_{\mathbb{H}_{-\kappa^2}^3}^- = -\kappa \check{g}_{\mathbb{H}_{-\kappa^2}^3}$ for the lower-fold $\{t < 0\}$ with respect to the future-time-directed normal. Denote also $\check{\Sigma}_{i_0}$ its image.

Let ϕ be the unique solution of (2.4) or (2.5) for some $\check{\phi} \in \check{\Xi}$. Denote

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{m}_\pm(\Sigma_{i_0}, \check{\phi}) &= \frac{1}{8\pi} \Re \int_{\Sigma_{i_0}} \left[(H_0 - H)|\phi|^2 \right. \\ &\quad - (tr(p_0|_{\Sigma_{i_0}}) - tr(p|_{\Sigma_{i_0}})) \langle \phi, e_0 \cdot e_r \cdot \phi \rangle \\ &\quad \left. + (p_{0ar} - p_{ar}) \langle \phi, e_0 \cdot e_a \cdot \phi \rangle \right] \end{aligned} \quad (4.4)$$

where

$$p_0 = \begin{cases} \text{pullback of } \check{p}_{\mathbb{H}_{-\kappa^2}^3}^+ : & \text{if } \Sigma_{i_0} \text{ is isometrically embedded into} \\ & \text{the upper-fold } \{t > 0\}, \\ \text{pullback of } \check{p}_{\mathbb{H}_{-\kappa^2}^3}^- : & \text{if } \Sigma_{i_0} \text{ is isometrically embedded into} \\ & \text{the lower-fold } \{t < 0\}. \end{cases}$$

It is easy to see that $tr(p_0|_{\Sigma_{i_0}}) = \pm 2$, thus

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{m}_\pm(\Sigma_{i_0}, \check{\phi}) &= \frac{1}{8\pi} \Re \int_{\Sigma_{i_0}} \left[(H_0 - H)|\phi|^2 \right. \\ &\quad + tr(p|_{\Sigma_{i_0}}) \langle \phi, e_0 \cdot e_r \cdot \phi \rangle \\ &\quad \left. - p_{ar} \langle \phi, e_0 \cdot e_a \cdot \phi \rangle \right] \\ &\quad \mp \frac{\kappa}{4\pi} \int_{\Sigma_{i_0}} \langle \phi, e_0 \cdot e_r \cdot \phi \rangle. \end{aligned}$$

Now we define the quasi local mass of Σ_{i_0} under conditions (i), (ii) which are introduced in the previous section.

If condition (i) holds, we embed Σ_{i_0} into upper-fold $\{t > 0\}$. Since $\check{\Sigma}_{i_0}$ is convex, we have

$$\check{H} + \text{tr}(\check{p}|_{\check{\Sigma}_{i_0}}) > 0.$$

If condition (ii) holds, we embed Σ_{i_0} into lower-fold $\{t < 0\}$. We have

$$\check{H} - \text{tr}(\check{p}|_{\check{\Sigma}_{i_0}}) > 0$$

in this case.

The *quasi local mass* of Σ_{i_0} is defined as

$$\hat{m}(\Sigma_{i_0}) = \begin{cases} \min_{\check{\Sigma}} \hat{m}_+(\Sigma_{i_0}, \check{\phi}): & \text{if condition (i) holds,} \\ \min_{\check{\Sigma}} \hat{m}_-(\Sigma_{i_0}, \check{\phi}): & \text{if condition (ii) holds.} \end{cases} \quad (4.5)$$

Note that it might have two different values via embedding to the upper-fold and to the lower-fold respectively when $\text{tr}(p) = 0$. However, since $\tilde{D}\phi = 0$, $\tilde{D}(e_0 \cdot \phi) = -\text{tr}_g(p)\phi = 0$, we have

$$\int_{\Sigma} \langle e_r \cdot \phi, e_0 \cdot \phi \rangle = \int_M \langle \tilde{D}\phi, e_0 \cdot \phi \rangle - \langle \phi, \tilde{D}(e_0 \cdot \phi) \rangle = 0.$$

This implies $\hat{m}_+(\Sigma_{i_0}, \check{\phi}) = \hat{m}_-(\Sigma_{i_0}, \check{\phi})$. Hence $\hat{m}(\Sigma_{i_0})$ is unique in this case. Furthermore, (4.5) approaches (4.2) when $\kappa \rightarrow 0$.

If $\Sigma_1, \dots, \Sigma_{l_0}$ can be isometrically embedded into \mathbb{R}^3 in the Minkowski spacetime $\mathbb{R}^{3,1}$, and $\Sigma_{l_0+1}, \dots, \Sigma_l$ can be isometrically embedded into $\mathbb{H}_{-\kappa_{l_0+1}^2}^3, \dots, \mathbb{H}_{-\kappa_l^2}^3$ in the Minkowski spacetime $\mathbb{R}^{3,1}$ respectively, we define the *quasi local mass* of Σ as

$$\hat{m}(\Sigma) = \sum_{1 \leq i \leq l_0} m(\Sigma_i) + \sum_{l_0+1 \leq i \leq l} \hat{m}(\Sigma_i). \quad (4.6)$$

Theorem 1. *Let (N, \tilde{g}) be a spacetime which satisfies the dominant energy condition. Let (M, g, p) be a smooth initial data set with the boundary Σ which has finitely many multi-components Σ_i , each of which is topological 2-sphere. Suppose that some Σ_{i_0} has negative Gauss curvature and let $K_{\Sigma_{i_0}} \geq -\kappa^2$ ($\kappa > 0$) where $-\kappa^2$ is the minimum of the Gauss curvature. If either condition (i) or condition (ii) holds, then*

- (1) $\hat{m}(\Sigma_{i_0}) \geq 0$;
- (2) *that $\hat{m}(\Sigma_{i_0}) = 0$ implies the energy-momentum of spacetime satisfies*

$$T_{00} = |f||\phi|^2, \quad T_{0i} = f \langle \phi, e_0 \cdot e_i \cdot \phi \rangle$$

along M , where f is a real function, ϕ is the unique solution of (2.4) or (2.5) for some $\check{\phi} \in \check{\Xi}$.

(3) Furthermore, if $p_{ij} = 0$, then $\hat{m}(\Sigma_{i_0}) = 0$ implies that M is flat with connected boundary; if $p_{ij} = \pm \kappa g_{ij}$, then $\hat{m}(\Sigma_{i_0}) = 0$ implies that M has constant curvature $-\kappa^2$.

Proof : By Lemma 1, statements (1), (2) and the first part of statement (3) can be proved by the same argument as the proof of Theorem 1 in [18]. For the proof of the second part of the statement (3), the vanishing quasi local mass implies

$$\bar{\nabla}_i \phi \pm \frac{\kappa}{2} e_0 \cdot e_i \cdot \phi = 0.$$

Since $\bar{\nabla}_i(e_0 \cdot \phi) = e_0 \cdot \bar{\nabla}_i \phi$, we find the M has constant Ricci curvature with the scalar curvature $-6\kappa^2$. Therefore M has constant curvature $-\kappa^2$ because the dimension is 3. Q.E.D.

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